

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/019,402
Filed : December 28, 2001
Based on Int'l Appln. No. : PCT/JP00/04337
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS
: FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
: FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
: CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe
Group Art Unit : 1614

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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 9, 2003

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed April 10, 2003. The Official action mailed April 10, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a two-month extension of time extends the period of response to September 10, 2003.

A check in the amount of the FOUR HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$410.00) is attached hereto for payment of this extension of time.

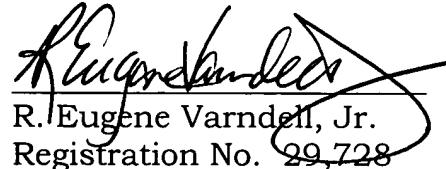
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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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